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STRADBROKE FERRIES PTY LTD ENTERPRISE AWARD - STATE 2005

Following the Declaration of the General Ruling for Overtime Meal Allowance (matter numbers B/2010/34 and B/2010/38), the Stradbroke Ferries Pty Ltd Enterprise Award - State 2005 is hereby reprinted, pursuant to s. 698 of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*.

I hereby certify that the Award contained herein is a true and correct copy of the Stradbroke Ferries Pty Ltd Enterprise Award - State 2005 as at 1 January 2011.

Dated 1 March 2011.

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Industrial Registrar

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PART 1 - APPLICATION AND OPERATION

1.1 Title

This Award is known as the Stradbroke Ferries Pty Ltd Enterprise Award - State 2005.

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1.3 Date of operation

This Award takes effect from 27 June 2005.

1.4 Award coverage

1.4.1 This Award shall apply to Stradbroke Ferries Pty. Ltd. as employer and their employees for whom classifications and rates of pay are prescribed by this Award employed in or in connection with or incidental to the operations of the employer at Middle Street, Cleveland, and elsewhere throughout Queensland, and the Union.

1.5 Definitions

- 1.5.1 "Act" means the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as amended or replaced from time to time.
- 1.5.2 "Casual employee" means an employee engaged as such and who is employed by the hour with a minimum of 4 hours' pay or payment therefore for each engagement.
- 1.5.3 "Commission" means the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.
- 1.5.4 "Occupational Superannuation Fund" means the appropriate Fund referred to in clause 5.5.
- 1.5.5 "Union" means The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland.

1.6 Parties bound

This Award is legally binding on the employer and employees as prescribed by clause 1.4, the Union and its members.

PART 2 - FLEXIBILITY

2.1 Enterprise flexibility

- 2.1.1 As part of a process of improvement in productivity and efficiency, discussion should take place at each enterprise to provide more flexible working arrangements, improvement in the quality of working life, enhancement of skills, training and job satisfaction and to encourage consultative mechanisms across the workplace.
- 2.1.2 The consultative processes established in an enterprise in accordance with clause 2.1 may provide an appropriate mechanism for consideration of matters relevant to clause 2.1.1. Union delegates at the place of work may be involved in such discussions.
- 2.1.3 Any proposed genuine agreement reached between an employer and employee/s in an enterprise is contingent upon the agreement being submitted to the Commission in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Act and is to have no force or effect until approval is given.

PART 3 - COMMUNICATION, CONSULTATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

3.1 Consultative mechanisms and procedures in the workplace

- 3.1.1 The parties to this Award are committed to co-operating positively to increase the efficiency, productivity and competitiveness of the industries covered by this Award and to enhance the career opportunities and job security of employees in such industries.

3.2 Grievance and dispute settling procedure

The matters to be dealt with in this procedure shall include all grievances or disputes between an employee and an employer in respect to any industrial matter and all other matters that the parties agree on and are specified herein. Such procedures shall apply to a single employee or to any number of employees.

- 3.2.1 In the event of an employee having a grievance or dispute the employee shall in the first instance attempt to resolve the matter with the immediate supervisor, who shall respond to such request as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances. Where the dispute concerns alleged actions of the immediate supervisor the employee/s may bypass this level in the procedure.
- 3.2.2 If the grievance or dispute is not resolved under clause 3.2.1, the employee or the employee's representative may refer the matter to the next higher level of management for discussion. Such discussion should, if possible, take place within 24 hours after the request by the employee or the employee's representative.
- 3.2.3 If the grievance involves allegations of unlawful discrimination by a supervisor the employee may commence the grievance resolution process by reporting the allegations to the next level of management beyond that of the supervisor concerned. If there is no level of management beyond that involved in the allegation the employee may proceed directly to the process outlined at clause 3.2.5.
- 3.2.4 If the grievance or dispute is still unresolved after discussions mentioned in clause 3.2.2, the matter shall, in the case of a member of a Union, be reported to the relevant officer of that Union and the senior management of the employer or the employer's nominated industrial representative. An employee who is not a member of the Union may report the grievance or dispute to senior management or the nominated industrial representative. This should occur as soon as it is evident that discussions under clause 3.2.2 will not result in resolution of the dispute.
- 3.2.5 If, after discussion between the parties, or their nominees mentioned in clause 3.2.4, the dispute remains

unresolved after the parties have genuinely attempted to achieve a settlement thereof, then notification of the existence of the dispute is to be given to the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

- 3.2.6 Whilst all of the above procedure is being followed, normal work shall continue except in the case of a genuine safety issue.
- 3.2.7 The *status quo* existing before the emergence of the grievance or dispute is to continue whilst the above procedure is being followed.
- 3.2.8 All parties to the dispute shall give due consideration to matters raised or any suggestion or recommendation made by the Commission with a view to the prompt settlement of the dispute.
- 3.2.9 Any Order or Decision of the Commission (subject to the parties' right of appeal under the Act) will be final and binding on all parties to the dispute.
- 3.2.10 Discussions at any stage of the procedure shall not be unreasonably delayed by any party, subject to acceptance that some matters may be of such complexity or importance that it may take a reasonable period of time for the appropriate response to be made. If genuine discussions are unreasonably delayed or hindered, it shall be open to any party to give notification of the dispute in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

PART 4 - EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEES' DUTIES, EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Employment categories

- 4.1.1 Employees covered by this Award shall be advised in writing of their employment category upon appointment. Employment categories are:
 - (a) Full-time;
 - (b) Part-time (as prescribed in clause 4.3); and
 - (c) Casual (as prescribed in clause 4.4).
- 4.1.2 An employee shall on commencing employment or on transfer or promotion be provided by the employer with a written statement outlining the employee's:
 - (a) classification and duties;
 - (b) ordinary hours of employment;
 - (c) rate of pay;
 - (d) date of appointment or transfer or promotion; and
 - (e) other conditions of employment such as use of vehicles, reimbursed out of pocket expenses etc.

4.2 Full-time employment

Full-time employee means a person who is engaged to work on a full-time basis.

4.3 Part-time employment

- 4.3.1 A part-time employee is defined as an employee who works not less than 8 ordinary hours per week and not more than 38 hours per week under this Award with a minimum payment of 2 hours per day with a regular number of ordinary hours per week. Work performed by a part-time employee, outside of the ordinary rostered hours of work, are to be paid as overtime.
- 4.3.2 Any variations to work patterns of part-time employees are to be in accordance with Award provisions for full-time employees.
- 4.3.3 Part-time employees are to be paid on a *pro rata* basis (proportionate to the number of hours worked) for wages and employment conditions as specified in this Award for full-time employment for the same kind of work.
- 4.3.4 All other conditions for part-time employment other than those specified above, shall be those that apply to full-time employment.
- 4.3.5 An employee who does not meet the definition of a part-time employee and who is not a full-time employee will

be paid as a casual employee in accordance with this Award.

- 4.3.6 Where an employee and the employer agree, part-time employment may be converted to full-time and *vice versa* on a permanent basis or for a specified period of time. If such as employee transfers from full-time to part-time (or *vice versa*) all accrued award and legislative entitlements shall be maintained. Following transfer to part-time employment accrual will occur in accordance with the provisions relevant to part-time employment.

4.4 Casual employment

- 4.4.1 Casual employees may be engaged in any grade prescribed in this Award under the following provisions.
- 4.4.2 Ordinary working hours for casuals shall not be more than 10 hours per day with a minimum payment of 2 hours for each engagement.
- 4.4.3 The ordinary rate for a casual employee shall be calculated at 1/38th of the appropriate weekly rate for the grade of work in which engaged plus a loading of 23%.
- 4.4.4 All time worked in excess of 10 hours per day, or outside the ordinary hours for weekly employees, or in excess of 38 hours per week shall be deemed overtime and paid in accordance with clause 6.4.
- 4.4.5 Any casual employee working 36 ordinary working hours, or over, shall not be deemed a casual worker:

Provided further that any regular weekly employee whose hours are reduced owing to holidays occurring in any week in accordance with the holiday provisions of this Award, shall not be deemed to be a casual worker.

- 4.4.6 Where weekly employees are unavailable to relieve, a casual employee may be engaged to relieve a permanent employee for absences of sick leave, annual leave, long service leave and workers' compensation leave on the basis of 38 hours per week over the normal spread of hours, with a maximum of 10 weeks in any one instance.
- 4.4.7 The employment of casuals shall not be used to reduce the available overtime of weekly employees.

4.5 Multiskilling

- 4.5.1 An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties as are within the limits of the employee's skill, competence and training consistent with the classification structure of this Award provided that such duties are not designed to promote deskilling.
- 4.5.2 An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties and use such tools and equipment as may be required provided that the employee has been properly trained in the use of such tools and equipment.
- 4.5.3 Any direction issued by an employer pursuant to clauses 4.5.1 and 4.5.2 shall be consistent with the employer's responsibilities to provide a safe and healthy working environment.
- 4.5.4 The parties recognise that the flexibility of labour and the interchange of work leads to greater productivity and efficiency under the Efficiency and Restructuring Principle. The parties agree that the aim is to establish practices to enhance current labour force flexibility.
- 4.5.5 Every endeavour will be made to ensure crews to become trained and multi-skilled as related to their ability and qualifications for duties as required other than on the vessels.
- 4.5.6 These practices leading to improved efficiency would include:
- (a) Crews to undertake the required training and courses sponsored by the employer as may be required in the future by Harbours and Marine Regulations.
 - (b) Crews to undertake the loading and handling of minor freight items and newspapers either by hand or in the company's vehicles.
 - (c) Crews to drive dumb vehicles on and off the barges (milk truck, fish truck, etc.). Employees are covered by insurance while doing this.
 - (d) Crews within their level of competence, may assist the engineer with his repairs, maintenance and breakdown duties as required.
 - (e) With appropriate notice, crews may be interchangeable between all vessels except where it is necessary to replace an employee who is absent, or falls ill during a shift.

4.6 Incidental or peripheral tasks

- 4.6.1 An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties as are reasonably within the limits of the employee's skill, competence and training.
- 4.6.2 An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties and use such tools and equipment as may be required provided that the employee has been properly trained in the use of such tools and equipment (where relevant).
- 4.6.3 The assignment of incidental or peripheral tasks to an employee or a class of employees shall:
- (a) be consistent with the efficient performance of the employee's main tasks or functions;
 - (b) be subject to the employee having the skills or competence to perform the initial tasks;
 - (c) be referred to the Joint Steering Committee where any dispute arises.

4.7 Anti-discrimination

- 4.7.1 It is the intention of the parties to this Award to prevent and eliminate discrimination, as defined by the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* and the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as amended from time to time, which includes:
- (a) discrimination on the basis of sex, marital status, family responsibilities, pregnancy, parental status, age, race, impairment, religion, political belief or activity, trade union activity, lawful sexual activity and association with, or relation to, a person identified on the basis of any of the above attributes;
 - (b) sexual harassment; and
 - (c) racial and religious vilification.
- 4.7.2 Accordingly, in fulfilling their obligations under the grievance and dispute settling procedure in clause 3.2, the parties to this Award must take reasonable steps to ensure that neither the Award provisions nor their operation are directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects.
- 4.7.3 Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- 4.7.4 Nothing in clause 4.7 is to be taken to affect:
- (a) any different treatment (or treatment having different outcomes) which is specifically exempted under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*;
 - (b) an employee, employer or registered organisation pursuing matters of discrimination, including by application to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission/Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland.

4.8 Termination of employment

4.8.1 Termination by the employer

- (a) In order to terminate the employment of an employee the employer shall give the following notice:

Period of Continuous Service	Period of Notice
not more than one year	1 week
more than one year, but not more than 3 years	2 weeks
more than 3 years, but not more than 5 years	3 weeks
more than 5 years	4 weeks

- (b) In addition to the notice in clause 4.8.1(a), employees over 45 years of age at the time of giving of notice and with not less than 2 years continuous service, shall be entitled to an additional week's notice.
- (c) Payment in lieu of notice shall be made if the appropriate notice is not given:
Provided that employment may be terminated by part of the period of notice specified and part payment in lieu thereof.
- (d) The period of notice in this clause 4.8.1 shall not apply to casual employees nor in the case of dismissal for misconduct (including dishonesty, intoxication or wilful disobedience) or other grounds that justify instant

dismissal.

4.8.2 *Notice of termination by employee*

- (a) 2 days notice of termination is required to be given by the employee to the employer.
- (b) If an employee fails to give notice the employer shall have the right to withhold monies due to the employee with a maximum amount equal to the ordinary time rate for the period of notice.

4.8.3 *Casual employees*

No notice is required to be given by the employer or the employee to terminate the hourly contract of employment of a casual employee.

4.9 Introduction of changes

4.9.1 *Employer's duty to notify*

- (a) Where an employer decides to introduce changes in production, program, organisation, structure or technology, that are likely to have significant effects on employees, the employer shall notify the employees who may be affected by the proposed changes and, where relevant, their union or unions.
- (b) "Significant effects" includes termination of employment, major changes in the composition, operation or size of the employer's workforce or in the skills required; the elimination or diminution of job opportunities or job tenure; the alteration of hours of work; the need for retraining or transfer of employees to other work or locations and the restructuring of jobs:

Provided that where the Award makes provision for alteration of any of the matters referred to herein an alteration shall be deemed not to have significant effect.

4.9.2 *Employer's duty to consult over change*

- (a) The employer shall consult the employees affected and, where relevant, their union or unions about the introduction of the changes, the effects the changes are likely to have on employees (including the number and categories of employees likely to be dismissed, and the time when, or the period over which, the employer intends to carry out the dismissals), and the ways to avoid or minimise the effects of the changes (e.g. by finding alternate employment).
- (b) The consultation must occur as soon as practicable after making the decision referred to in clause 4.9.1.
- (c) For the purpose of such consultation the employer shall provide in writing to the employees concerned and, where relevant, their union or unions, all relevant information about the changes including the nature of the changes proposed, the expected effects of the changes on employees, and any other matters likely to affect employees:

Provided that an employer shall not be required to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would be adverse to the employer's interests.

4.10 Redundancy

4.10.1 *Consultation before terminations*

- (a) Where an employer decides that the employer no longer wishes the job the employee has been doing to be done by anyone, and this is not due to the ordinary and customary turnover of labour, and that decision may lead to termination of employment, the employer shall consult the employee directly affected and where relevant, their Union or Unions.
- (b) The consultation shall take place as soon as it is practicable after the employer has made a decision, which will invoke the provisions of clause 4.10.1(a) and shall cover the reasons for the proposed terminations, measures to avoid or minimise the terminations and/or their adverse affects on the employees concerned.
- (c) For the purpose of the consultation the employer shall, as soon as practicable, provide in writing to the employees concerned and, where relevant, their Union or Unions, all relevant information about the proposed terminations including the reasons for the proposed terminations, the number and categories of employees likely to be affected, the number of workers normally employed and the period over which the terminations are likely to be carried out:

Provided that an employer shall not be required to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which

would be adverse to the employer's interests.

4.10.2 *Transfer to lower paid duties*

- (a) Where an employee is transferred to lower paid duties for reasons set out clause 4.10.1 the employee shall be entitled to the same period of notice of transfer as the employee would have been entitled to if the employee's employment had been terminated under clause 4.8.
- (b) The employer may, at the employer's option, make payment in lieu thereof of an amount equal to the difference between the former amounts the employer would have been liable to pay and the new lower amount the employer is liable to pay the employee for the number of weeks of notice still owing.
- (c) The amounts must be worked out on the basis of:
 - (i) the ordinary working hours to be worked by the employee; and
 - (ii) the amounts payable to the employee for the hours including for example, allowances, loadings and penalties; and
 - (iii) any other amounts payable under the employee's employment contract.

4.10.3 *Transmission of business*

- (a) Where a business is, whether before or after the date of insertion of this clause in the Award transmitted from an employer (transmittor) to another employer (transmittee), and an employee who at the time of such transmission was an employee of the transmittor of the business, becomes an employee of the transmittee:
 - (i) the continuity of the employment of the employee shall be deemed not to have been broken by reason of such transmission; and
 - (ii) the period of employment which the employee has had with the transmittor or any prior transmittor shall be deemed to be service of the employee with the transmittee.
- (b) In clause 4.10.3, "business" includes trade, process, business or occupation and includes a part or subsidiary (which means a corporation that would be taken to be a subsidiary under the Corporations Law, whether or not the Corporations Law applies in the particular case) of any such business and "transmission" includes transfer, conveyance, assignment or succession whether by agreement or by operation of law and "transmitted" has a corresponding meaning.

4.10.4 *Time off during notice period*

- (a) Where a decision has been made to terminate an employee in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.10.1, the employee shall be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay during each week of notice for the purpose of seeking other employment.
- (b) If the employee has been allowed paid leave for more than one day during the notice period for the purpose of seeking other employment, the employee shall, at the request of the employer, be required to produce proof of attendance at an interview or the employee shall not receive payment for the time absent. For this purpose a statutory declaration will be sufficient.

4.10.5 *Notice to Centrelink*

Where a decision has been made to terminate employees in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.10.1, the employer shall notify Centrelink as soon as possible giving all relevant information about the proposed terminations, including a written statement of the reasons for the terminations, the number and categories of the employees likely to be affected, the number of workers normally employed and the period over which the terminations are intended to be carried out.

4.10.6 *Severance pay*

- (a) In addition to the period of notice prescribed for ordinary termination in clause 4.8.1(a), and subject to further order of the Commission, an employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.10.1(a), shall be entitled to the following amounts of severance pay:

Period of Continuous Service	Severance Pay (weeks' pay)
Less than 1 year	nil
1 year but not more than 2 years	4
More than 2 years but not more than 3 years	6
More than 3 years but not more than 4 years	7
More than 4 years but not more than 5 years	8

Period of Continuous Service	Severance Pay (weeks' pay)
More than 5 years but not more than 6 years	9
More than 6 years but not more than 7 years	10
More than 7 years but not more than 8 years	11
More than 8 years but not more than 9 years	12
More than 9 years but not more than 10 years	13
More than 10 years but not more than 11 years	14
More than 11 years but not more than 12 years	15
More than 12 years	16

(b) "Weeks Pay" means the ordinary time rate of pay for the employee concerned:

Provided that the following amounts are excluded from the calculation of the ordinary time rate of pay: overtime, penalty rates, disability allowances, shift allowances, special rates, fares and travelling time allowances, bonuses and any other ancillary payments.

4.10.7 *Superannuation benefits*

An employer may make an application to the Commission for relief from the obligation to make severance payments in circumstances where:

- (a) the employer has contributed to a superannuation scheme which provides a particular benefit to an employee in a redundancy situation; and
- (b) the particular benefit to the employee is over and above any benefit the employee might obtain from any legislative scheme providing for superannuation benefits (currently the federal Superannuation Guarantee levy) or an award based superannuation scheme.

4.10.8 *Employee leaving during notice*

An employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.10.1(a), may terminate such employment during the period of notice, and, if so, shall be entitled to the same benefits and payments under this clause had such employee remained with the employer until the expiry of such notice:

Provided that in such circumstances the employee shall not be entitled to payment in lieu of notice.

4.10.9 *Alternative employment*

An employer, in a particular case, may make application to the Commission to have the general severance pay prescription amended if the employer obtains acceptable alternative employment for an employee.

4.10.10 *Employees with less than one year's service*

Clause 4.9 shall not apply to employees with less than one year's continuous service and the general obligation on employers should be no more than to give relevant employees an indication of the impending redundancy at the first reasonable opportunity, and to take such steps as may be reasonable to facilitate the obtaining by the employees of suitable alternative employment.

4.10.11 *Employees exempted*

Clause 4.10 shall not apply:

- (a) where employment is terminated as a consequence of misconduct on the part of the employee; or
- (b) to employees engaged for a specific period or task(s), or
- (c) to casual employees

4.10.12 *Employers exempted*

- (a) Subject to an order of the Commission, in a particular redundancy case, clause 4.10 shall not apply to an employer including a company or companies that employ employees working a total of fewer than 550 hours on average per week, excluding overtime, Monday to Sunday. The 550 hours shall be averaged over the previous 12 months.

(b) A "company" shall be defined as:

- (i) a company and the entities it controls; or
- (ii) a company and its related company or related companies; or
- (iii) a company where the company or companies has a common Director or common Directors or a common shareholder or common shareholders with another company or companies.

4.10.13 *Exemption where transmission of business*

- (a) The provisions of clause 4.10.6 are not applicable where a business is before or after the date of the insertion of this clause into the Award, transmitted from an employer (transmittor) to another employer (transmittee), in any of the following circumstances:
 - (i) where the employee accepts employment with the transmittee which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmittor, and any prior transmittor, to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee; or
 - (ii) where the employee rejects an offer of employment with the transmittee:
 - (A) in which the terms and conditions are substantially similar and no less favourable, considered on an overall basis, than the terms and conditions applicable to the employee at the time of ceasing employment with the transmittor; and
 - (B) which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmittor and any prior transmittor to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee.
- (b) The Commission may amend clause 4.10.13(a)(ii) if it is satisfied that it would operate unfairly in a particular case, or in the instance of contrived arrangements.

4.10.14 *Incapacity to pay*

An employer in a particular redundancy case may make application to the Commission to have the general severance pay prescription amended on the basis of the employer's incapacity to pay.

4.11 **Continuity of service - transfer of calling**

In cases where a transfer of calling occurs, continuity of service should be determined in accordance with sections 67-71 of the Act, as amended from time to time.

PART 5 - WAGES AND WAGE RELATED MATTERS

5.1 Wage rates

5.1.1 The minimum rates of wages payable to the following classes of employees shall be as follows:

	Per week
	\$
Toll collector	639.00
General hand	634.00

Note 1: The rates of pay in this Award are intended to include the arbitrated wage adjustment payable under the 1 September 2010 Declaration of General Ruling and earlier Safety Net Adjustments and arbitrated wage adjustments. This arbitrated wage adjustment may be offset against any equivalent amount in rates of pay received by employees whose wages and conditions of employment are regulated by this Award which are above the wage rates prescribed in the Award. Such payments include wages payable pursuant to certified agreements, currently operating enterprise flexibility agreements, Queensland workplace agreements, award amendments to give effect to enterprise agreements and overaward arrangements. Absorption which is contrary to the terms of an agreement is not required.

Increases made under previous State Wage Cases or under the current Statement of Principles, excepting those resulting from enterprise agreements, are not to be used to offset arbitrated wage adjustments.

5.2 Allowances

- 5.2.1 Should a general hand during the course of their weekly duties perform the work of a toll collector, such employee shall receive an additional \$7.90 per week.
- 5.2.2 *First aid allowance* - Any qualified employee appointed by the employer to perform first aid duties shall be paid an allowance of \$11.90 per week.

5.2.3 *Travelling allowance* - Employees required to use their own vehicles shall be paid an allowance of 50c per kilometre, or 20c per kilometre for motorcycles.

5.3 Payment of wages

5.3.1 All wages shall be paid in full in the employer's time at least once in each fortnight. Casual work may by mutual consent be paid for as above or at the termination of each engagement:

Provided that payment may be made by use of one of the following methods:

- (a) Cash;
- (b) Cheque;
- (c) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) directly into the employee's account in any financial institution nominated by the employee, which has that facility without cost to the employee.

5.4 Deductions from wages

The employer shall, on request in writing by any employee, pay to the Union, out of any money due to the employee, in respect of wages, the annual or monthly contribution of such employee as a member of the Union.

5.5 Superannuation

5.5.1 *Application* - In addition to the rates of pay prescribed by this Award, eligible employees, as defined herein, shall be entitled to Occupational Superannuation Benefits, subject to the provisions of clause 5.5.

5.5.2 Contributions

(a) Amount - As from 1 January 2005 every employer shall contribute on behalf of each eligible employee an amount calculated at 9% of the employee's ordinary time earnings, into an approved fund, as defined in clause 5.5. Each such payment of contributions shall be rounded off to the nearest 10 cents:

Provided that where an employee is absent and is receiving by way of workers' compensation an amount of money no less than the award rate of pay the contribution shall be calculated at 3%.

- (b) Regular payment - The employer shall regularly pay such contributions to the credit of each such employee in accordance with the requirements of the Approved Fund Trust Deed, but in any event at least once each calendar month.
- (c) Absences from work - Contributions shall continue to be paid on behalf of an eligible employee during any absence on paid leave such as annual leave, long service leave, public holidays, sick leave and bereavement leave, but no employer shall be required to pay superannuation contributions on behalf of any eligible employee during any unpaid absences except in the case of absence on Workers' Compensation.
- (d) Other contributions - Nothing in clause 5.5 shall preclude an employee from making contributions to a Fund in accordance with the provisions thereof.
- (e) Cessation of contributions - An employer shall not be required to make any further contributions on behalf of an eligible employee for any period after the end of the ordinary working day upon which the contract of employment ceases to exist.
- (f) No other deductions - No additional amounts shall be paid by the employer for the establishment, administration, management or any other charges in connection with the fund other than the remission of contributions as prescribed herein.

5.5.3 "Approved Fund" means Sunsuper.

5.5.4 "Eligible employee" means any employee who has been employed by the employer during 5 consecutive weeks and who has worked a minimum of 50 hours during that period. After completion of the above qualifying period, superannuation contributions shall then be made in accordance with subclause 5.5.2 effective from the commencement of that qualifying period.

5.5.5 "Ordinary time earnings" means the actual ordinary rate of pay the employee receives for ordinary hours of work including allowances where applicable. The term includes any overaward payment as well as casual rates received for ordinary hours of work. Ordinary time earnings shall not include overtime, disability allowances, commission, bonuses, lump sum payments made as a consequence of the termination of employment, annual leave loading, penalty rates for public holiday work, fares and travelling time allowances or any other extraneous

payments of a like nature.

5.5.6 *Enrolment*

- (a) Each employer to whom clause 5.5 applies shall as soon as practicable as to both current and future eligible employees:
 - (i) notify each employee of their entitlement to occupational superannuation;
 - (ii) consult as may be necessary to facilitate the selection by employees of an appropriate fund within the meaning of clause 5.5.4;
 - (iii) take all reasonable steps to ensure that upon the determination of an appropriate fund each eligible employee, receives completes, signs and returns the necessary application forms provided by the employer to enable that employee to become a member of the fund; and
 - (iv) submit all completed application forms and any other relevant material to the trustees of the fund.
- (b) Each employee upon becoming eligible to become a member of a fund determined in accordance with clause 5.5 shall:
 - (i) complete and sign the necessary application forms to enable that employee to become a member of that fund; and
 - (ii) return such forms to the employer within 28 days of receipt in order to be entitled to the benefit of the contributions prescribed in clause 5.5.2.

5.5.7 *Record keeping*

The employer shall be required to maintain records of time worked for the purposes of establishing the employee's entitlement to occupational superannuation, and of payments made to the approved fund in similar form to time and wages records required to be kept in accordance with section 371 of the Act, and shall have such records available for inspection by an Industrial Inspector or Officer of the Union, authorised pursuant to section 373 of that Act.

PART 6 - HOURS OF WORK, BREAKS, OVERTIME, SHIFT WORK, WEEKEND WORK

6.1 Hours of work

- 6.1.1 The ordinary working hours of all employees subject to this Award shall not exceed 10 hours per day worked between the hours of 5.00 a.m. and 9.00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive.
- 6.1.2 Employees shall work to a roster agreed upon between the employer and the Union.
- 6.1.3 *Operation of 38 hour week*
 - (a) Subject to clause 6.1.4, and subject to the exceptions hereinafter provided, the ordinary hours of work shall be an average of 38 per week, to be worked on one of the following bases:
 - (i) 38 hours within a cycle not exceeding 7 consecutive days; or
 - (ii) 76 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 14 consecutive days; or
 - (iii) 114 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 21 consecutive days; or
 - (iv) 152 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 28 days.
 - (b) The ordinary hours of work shall not exceed 10 hours per day.
 - (c) Where necessary, employees shall commence their ordinary hours and breaks at different times to ensure continuity of service.
 - (d) The ordinary starting and finishing times may be altered to suit geographic, safety, climatic or traffic conditions by the employer with the agreement of the majority of employees concerned:

Provided that any such altered starting and finishing time will not invoke any penalty payment that would not be payable if the Award spread of hours was observed.
 - (e) Employees are required to observe the nominated starting and finishing times for the work day, including designated breaks to maximise available working time. Preparation for work and cleaning up of the employee's person shall be in the employee's time.
 - (f) Where a rostered day falls on a public holiday, the following day may be taken where practicable in lieu thereof or the employee and the employer may agree to an alternative day off duty as substitution.
 - (g) Pay averaging

Employees shall be entitled to a week's wages in accordance with clause 5.1 for each week of the cycle.

(h) The entitlement to a rostered day off on full pay shall be subject to the following:

- (i) Each day of paid leave taken (not including annual leave, long service leave) and any public holiday occurring during any cycle of 4 weeks shall be regarded as a day worked for accrual purposes.
- (ii) An employee who has not worked a complete 4 week cycle in order to accrue a rostered day off shall be paid a *pro rata* amount for credits accrued for each day worked in such cycle payable for the rostered day off (i.e. an amount of 24 minutes for each 8 hour day worked or 2 hours for each 40 hours worked).

For the purposes of clause 6.1.3(h), "worked" includes paid leave referred to in clause 6.1.3(h)(i).

(i) Sickness on a rostered day off which has resulted from the 19 days month work cycle:

Where an Employee is sick or injured on their rostered day off the employee shall not be entitled to sick pay nor shall their sick pay entitlement be reduced as a result of the sickness or injury on that day.

(j) Payment of wages

In the event that an employee by virtue of the arrangement of the employee's ordinary working hours is rostered off duty on a day which coincides with pay day, such employee shall be paid no later than the working day immediately following such pay day.

6.1.4 *Implementation of a 38 hour week*

(a) The 38 hour week shall be implemented on one of the following bases, most suitable to each location, after consultation with and giving reasonable consideration to the wishes of the employees concerned:

- (i) by employees working less than 8 ordinary hours each day; or
- (ii) by employees working less than 8 ordinary hours on one or more days each work cycle; or
- (iii) by fixing one or more work days on which all employees will be off during a particular work cycle; or
- (iv) by rostering employees off on various days of the week during a particular work cycle, so that each Employee has one work day off during that cycle.

(b) Subject to clause 6.1.3, Employees may agree that the ordinary hours of work are to exceed 8 on any day, thus enabling more than one work day to be taken off during a particular work cycle.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision in clause 6.1.3, where the arrangement of ordinary hours of work provides for a rostered day off, the employer and the employee concerned, may agree to accrue up to a maximum of 5 rostered days off. Where such agreement has been reached, the accrued rostered days off shall be taken within 12 calendar months of the date on which the first rostered day off was accrued. Consent to accrue rostered days off shall not be unreasonably withheld by either party.

(d) Different methods of implementation of the 38 hour week may apply to individual employees, groups or sections of Employees in each location concerned.

6.1.5 *Procedure for discussions - 38 hour week*

(a) The employer and all employees concerned in each establishment shall consult over the most appropriate means of implementing and working a 38 hour week.

(b) The object of such consultation shall be to reach agreement on the method of implementing and working the 38 hour week in accordance with clause 6.1.

(c) The outcome of such consultation shall be recorded in writing.

(d) In cases where agreement cannot be reached as a result of consultation between the parties, either party may request the assistance or advice of their relevant employee or employer organisation.

(e) Notwithstanding the consultative procedures outlined above, and notwithstanding any lack of agreement by employees, the employer shall have the right to make the final determination as to the method by which the 38 hour week is implemented from time to time.

(f) After implementation of the 38 hour week, upon giving 7 days' notice, or such shorter period as may be mutually agreed upon, the method of working the 38 hour week may be altered, from time to time, following negotiations between the employer and employees concerned, utilising the foregoing provisions of clause 6.1.5, including 6.1.5 (e).

- 6.1.6 A roster setting out the employee's days off duty and starting and finishing times on such days shall be displayed in a place conveniently accessible to employees at least 3 days before the commencement of each week.
- 6.1.7 Rosters shall provide a minimum of 8 hours break between the finish of ordinary hours on one day and the commencement of ordinary hours on the following day.

6.2 Meal breaks

- 6.2.1 There shall be no deduction from the daily hours for meal hours, however, if a meal break is not taken between the 4th and 6th hours an additional hour at the ordinary time rate shall be paid. When an employee is required to work 2 hours' overtime on any day the employee shall be supplied with a meal or paid an allowance of \$12.10 in lieu of such meal.
- 6.2.2 Should an employee be required to commence work before 5.00 a.m. on any day the employee shall be allowed a meal break in the employer's time between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. for a meal. If such meal hour is not taken an additional hour at the ordinary rate shall be paid.
- 6.2.3 Employees on rostered overtime for 3 or more days per week shall be entitled to a weekly rate of 3 times the amount specified in clause 6.2.1 as reimbursement for meals purchased during overtime periods. This payment shall apply in lieu of any entitlement to meal allowances in allowances in accordance with clause 6.2.1, except in circumstances where employees are called in to work overtime on a rostered day off or work overtime without being notified the previous day then the provisions of clause 6.2.1 shall apply.

6.3 Rest pauses

6.3.1 Rest pauses

A weekly employee shall be entitled to a rest pause of 10 minutes' duration in the employer's time in the first and second half of their daily work. No deduction of pay shall be made for each rest pause so taken.

- 6.3.2 A casual employee engaged for a period of not less than 3 continuous hours but less than 6 hours shall be entitled to a rest pause of 10 minutes' duration in the employer's time; a casual employee who is engaged for a period of 6 continuous hours or more, shall be entitled to a rest pause of 10 minutes' duration in the employer's time in the 1st and 2nd half of their engagement.

6.4 Overtime

- 6.4.1 All time worked in excess of 8 hours per day Monday to Friday inclusive or before or after the starting or ceasing times fixed by this Award shall be deemed to be overtime and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a-half, provided that where more than 3 hours' overtime is worked on any one day, all time worked in excess of 3 hours shall be paid for at the rate of double time:

Provided that when any employee continues duty on overtime after midnight the prevailing rate of overtime shall not be lowered to the existing rate for that particular day.

- 6.4.2 In calculating overtime, payment shall be rounded off to the nearest 15 minute period.
- 6.4.3 Overtime performed on a public holiday shall be paid at the rate of double time and a half the ordinary time rates of pay under the Award.

6.5 Time sheets

- 6.5.1 Time-sheets or time-books or automated time accounting shall be provided by the employer wherein each employee shall enter daily the starting and ceasing times:

Provided that each employer shall keep posted in some position in these premises, accessible to the employee, a schedule setting out the ordinary starting and ceasing times between which the period is allotted for each meal.

- 6.5.2 Although access to the employee's place of work may be controlled for security reasons, by an electronic time recording device at the employee's entrance, such equipment may not be used to calculate actual starting or cessation times for pay purposes:

Provided that it shall be a breach of this Award for any employer to allow any person to perform such work unless the name of such person is recorded in the time and wages book.

6.6 Weekend work

- 6.6.1 For work performed on a Saturday, an employee shall be paid at the rate of time and a-half for the first 3 hours, and double time thereafter with a minimum of 4 hours.
- 6.6.2 For work performed on a Sunday, an employee shall be paid at the rate of double time with a minimum of 4 hours.

PART 7 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

7.1 Annual leave

- 7.1.1 Every employee (other than a casual employee) covered by this Award shall at the end of each year of their employment be entitled to annual leave on full pay of 4 weeks.
- 7.1.2 Such annual leave shall be exclusive of any public holiday which occurs during the period of that annual leave and (subject to clause 7.1.5) shall be paid for by the employer in advance:
- (a) In the case of any and every employee in receipt immediately prior to that leave of ordinary pay at a rate in excess of the ordinary rate payable under this Award, at that excess rate; and
 - (b) In every other case, at the ordinary rate payable to the employee concerned immediately prior to that leave under this Award.
- 7.1.3 If the employment of any employee is terminated at the expiration of a full year of employment, the employer shall be deemed to have given the leave to the employee from the date of the termination of the employment and shall forthwith pay to the employee in addition to all other amounts due to the employee, the employee's pay, calculated in accordance with clause 7.1.5, for 4 weeks and also the employee's ordinary pay for any public holiday occurring during such period of 4 weeks.
- 7.1.4 If the employment of any employee is terminated before the expiration of a full year of employment such employee shall be paid, in addition to all other amounts due to the employee, an amount equal to 1/12th of the employee's pay for the period of employment, calculated in accordance with clause 7.1.5.
- 7.1.5 *Calculation of annual leave pay* - In respect to annual leave entitlements to which clause 7.1.5 applies, annual leave pay (including any proportionate payments) shall be calculated as follows:
- (a) Shift workers - Subject to clause 7.1.5(c) the rate of wage to be paid to a shift worker shall be the rate payable for work in ordinary time according to the employee's roster or projected roster, including Saturday, Sunday or holiday shifts;
 - (b) Leading hands, etc. - Subject to clause 7.1.5(c), leading hand allowances and amounts of a like nature otherwise payable for ordinary time worked shall be included in the wages to be paid to employees during annual leave;
 - (c) All employees - Subject to clause 7.1.5(d), in no case shall the payment by an employer to an employee be less than the sum of the following amounts:
 - (i) The employee's ordinary wage rate as prescribed by the Award for the period of the annual leave (excluding shift premiums and week-end penalty rates);
 - (ii) Leading hand allowances or amounts of a like nature;
 - (iii) A further amount calculated at the rate of 17.5% of the amounts referred to in clauses 7.1.5(c)(i) and 7.1.5(c)(ii).
 - (d) Clause 7.1.5(c) shall not apply to the following:
 - (i) Any period or periods of annual leave exceeding:
 - (A) 5 weeks in the case of employees employed in a calling where 3 shifts per day are worked over a period of 7 days per week; or
 - (B) 4 weeks in any other case;
 - (ii) Employers (and their employees) who are already paying (or receiving) an annual leave bonus, loading or other annual leave payment which is not less favourable to employees.
- 7.1.6 A period in excess of 3 months during which the employee is on leave of absence without pay shall not be taken into account in calculating the year of employment for the purpose of clause 7.1.
- 7.1.7 Unless the employee shall otherwise agree the employer should give the employee at least one month's notice of the date from which the employee's annual leave shall be taken.
- 7.1.8 Except as hereinbefore provided it shall not be lawful for the employer to give or for the employee to receive

payment in lieu of annual leave.

7.2 Sick leave

7.2.1 Entitlement

(a) Every employee, except casuals and school-based apprentices and trainees, is entitled to 60.8 hours' sick leave for each completed year of their employment with their employer:

Provided that part-time employees accrue sick leave on a proportional basis.

(b) This entitlement will accrue at the rate of 7.6 hours' sick leave for each 6 weeks of employment.

(c) Payment for sick leave will be made based on the number of hours which would have been worked by the employee if the employee were not absent on sick leave.

(d) Sick leave may be taken for part of a day.

(e) Sick leave shall be cumulative, but unless the employer and employee otherwise agree, no employee shall be entitled to receive, and no employer shall be bound to make, payment for more than 13 weeks' absence from work through illness in any one year.

7.2.2 Employee must give notice

The payment of sick leave is subject to the employee promptly advising the employer of the employee's absence and its expected duration.

7.2.3 Evidence supporting a claim

When the employee's absence is for more than 2 days the employee is required to give the employer a doctor's certificate, or other reasonably acceptable evidence, about the nature and approximate duration of the illness.

7.2.4 Accumulated sick leave

An employee's accumulated sick leave entitlements are preserved when:

(a) The employee is absent from work on unpaid leave granted by the employer;

(b) The employer or employee terminates the employee's employment and the employee is re-employed within 3 months;

(c) The employee's employment is terminated because of illness or injury and the employee is re-employed by the same employer without having been employed in the interim.

The employee accumulates sick leave entitlements whilst absent from work on paid leave granted by the employer.

7.2.5 Workers' compensation

Where an employee is in receipt of workers' compensation, the employee is not entitled to payment of sick leave.

7.3 Bereavement leave

7.3.1 Full-time and part-time employees

Full-time and part-time employees shall, on the death of a member of their immediate family or household in Australia, be entitled to paid bereavement leave up to and including the day of the funeral of such person. Such leave shall be without deduction of pay for a period not exceeding the number of hours worked by the employee in 2 ordinary days of work. Proof of such death is to be furnished by the employee to the satisfaction of the employer.

7.3.2 Long-term casual employees

(a) A long-term casual employee is entitled to at least 2 days unpaid bereavement leave on the death of a member of the person's immediate family or household in Australia.

(b) A "long-term casual employee" is a casual employee engaged by a particular employer, on a regular and systematic basis, for several periods of employment during a period of at least one year immediately before the employee seeks to access an entitlement under clause 7.3.2.

7.3.3 "Immediate family" includes:

- (a) A spouse (including a former spouse, a *de facto* spouse and a former *de facto* spouse, spouse of the same sex) of the employee; and
- (b) A child or an adult child (including an adopted child, a foster child, an ex-foster child, a stepchild or an ex-nuptial child), parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of the employee or spouse of the employee.

7.3.4 *Unpaid leave*

An employee with the consent of the employer, may apply for unpaid leave when a member of the employee's immediate family or household in Australia dies and the period of bereavement leave entitlement provided above is insufficient.

7.3.5 For the purposes of this clause the words "wife" or "husband" shall include a person who lives with the employee as a *de facto* wife or husband:

7.3.6 Provided that an employee shall be entitled to a maximum of 2 days' leave without loss of pay on each occasion and on the production of satisfactory evidence of the death outside of Australia of an employee's husband, wife, father or mother and where such employee travels outside of Australia to attend the funeral.

7.4 Long service leave

All employees covered by this Award are entitled to long service leave on full pay under, subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Chapter 2, Part 3, sections 42-58 of the Act as amended from time to time.

7.5 Family leave

The provisions of the Family Leave Award 2003 apply to and are deemed to form part of this Award.

7.5.1 It is to be noted that:

- (a) part-time work can be performed by agreement in the circumstances specified in the Family Leave Award 2003;
- (b) a copy of the Family Leave Award 2003 is required to be displayed in accordance with section 697 of the Act.

7.5.2 The Family Leave Award 2003 also provides for the terms and conditions of leave associated with:

- (a) Maternity leave
- (b) Parental leave
- (c) Adoption leave
- (d) Special responsibility leave for the care and support of the employee's immediate family or household.

7.6 Public holidays

7.6.1 Subject to clause 7.6.7 all work done by any employee on:

- 1 January;
- 26 January;
- Good Friday;
- Easter Saturday (the day after Good Friday);
- Easter Monday;
- 25 April (Anzac Day);
- The Birthday of the Sovereign;
- Christmas Day;
- Boxing Day; or
- any day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept in place of any such holiday

will be paid for at the rate of double time and a-half with a minimum of 4 hours.

7.6.2 *Labour Day*

All employees covered by this Award are entitled to be paid a full day's wage for Labour Day (the first Monday in May

or other day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept in place of that holiday) irrespective of the fact that no work may be performed on such day, and if any employee concerned actually works on Labour Day, such employee will be paid a full day's wage for that day and in addition a payment for the time actually worked by the employee at one and a-half times the ordinary time rate of pay prescribed for such work with a minimum of 4 hours.

7.6.3 *Annual show*

All work done by employees in a district specified from time to time by the Minister by notification published in the *Industrial Gazette* on the day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept as a holiday in relation to the annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show held at the principal city or town, as specified in such notification of such district will be paid for at the rate of double time and a-half with a minimum of 4 hours.

In a district in which a holiday is not appointed for an annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show, the employee and employer must agree on an ordinary working day that is to be treated as a show holiday for all purposes.

7.6.4 *Employees who do not work Monday to Friday of each week*

Employees who do not ordinarily work Monday to Friday of each week are entitled to public holidays as follows:

(a) A full-time employee is entitled to either payment for each public holiday or a substituted day's leave.

(b) A part-time employee is entitled to either payment for each public holiday or a substituted day's leave:

Provided that the part-time employee would have been ordinarily rostered to work on that day had it not been a public holiday.

(c) Where a public holiday would have fallen on a Saturday or a Sunday but is substituted for another day all employees who would ordinarily have worked on such Saturday or Sunday but who are not rostered to work on such day are entitled to payment for the public holiday or a substituted day's leave.

(d) Where Christmas Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday and the public holiday is observed on another day an employee required to work on Christmas Day (i.e. 25th December) is to be paid at the rate of double time.

(e) Nothing in clause 7.6.4 confers a right to any employee to payment for a public holiday as well as a substituted day in lieu.

7.6.5 *Double time and a-half*

For the purposes of clause 7.6 "double time and a-half" means one and a-half day's wages in addition to the employee's ordinary time rate of pay or *pro rata* if there is more or less than a day.

7.6.6 *Stand down*

Any employee, with 2 weeks or more of continuous service, whose employment has been terminated by the employer or who has been stood down by the employer during the month of December, and who is re-employed in January of the following year, shall be entitled to payment at the ordinary rate payable to that employee when they were dismissed or stood down, for any one or more of the following holidays, namely, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

7.6.7 *Substitution*

Where there is agreement between the employer and the majority of employees concerned, a public holiday may be substituted for another day. If such other day is worked, then payment for that day will be at the rate of double time and a-half at the employees' ordinary time rate of pay.

7.7 **Jury service**

(a) An employee, other than a casual employee, required to attend for jury service during their ordinary working hours shall be reimbursed by the employer an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid in respect of their attendance for such jury service and the ordinary pay the employee would have been paid if the employee was not absent on jury service.

(b) Alternatively, by agreement, fees (other than meal allowance) received by the employee to attend jury service will be paid to the employer and the employer will continue to pay the employee their ordinary pay for the time the employee was absent on jury service.

(c) Employees shall notify their employer as soon as practicable of the date upon which they are required to attend for jury service and shall provide their employer with proof of such attendance, the duration of such attendance and the amount received in respect thereof.

- (d) If the employee is not required to serve on a jury for a day or part of a day after attending for jury service and the employee would ordinarily be working for all or part of the remaining day, the employee must, if practicable, present for work at the earliest reasonable opportunity.
- (e) "Ordinary pay" means the rate of pay that an employee would normally expect to receive for working ordinary hours on an ordinary day of the week, including any over-award payment. "Ordinary pay" excludes overtime, penalty rates of all types - including those attaching to working ordinary hours (for example) on a Saturday, disability allowances, shift allowances, special rates, fares and travelling time allowances, bonuses and other ancillary payments of a like nature.

PART 8 - TRANSFERS, TRAVELLING AND WORKING AWAY FROM USUAL PLACE OF WORK

8.1 Travelling

- 8.1.1 Employees travelling to or from their work before public transport has commenced or after public transport has ceased, shall be entitled to transport to and from their home at the employer's expense, or the employer shall pay to the employee one hour's pay at the ordinary hourly rate for supplying their own transport:
- 8.1.2 Provided however that clause 8.1 shall not apply to those employees living within a 3.2 kilometre radius of the barge terminal.

PART 9 - TRAINING AND RELATED MATTERS

9.1 Commitment to training

- 9.1.1 The parties acknowledge that various degrees of training are provided to employees in the industry, both by internal on the job training and through external training providers.
- 9.1.2 The parties commit themselves to continuing such training as is regarded by them as appropriate and improving training in such cases where this is required.
- 9.1.3 It is agreed that the parties will co-operate in ensuring that appropriate training is available for all employees in this industry and the parties agree to co-operate in encouraging both employers and employees to avail themselves of the benefits from such training.
- 9.1.4 The parties agree to continue discussions on issues raised in relation to training.
- 9.1.5 The parties are committed to encouraging young people to view this industry as one which has the capacity to provide them with an interesting career.

PART 10 - OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS AND AMENITIES

10.1 Loss of personal effects

If an employee sustains loss or damage of or to their personal effects or other equipment by fire, foundering, shipwreck, collision, explosion or stranding during or in the course of their employment the employer shall compensate the employee concerned for such loss or damage by a cash payment equivalent to the value of the effects, tools or other equipment so lost or damaged but any such payment shall not exceed the amount of \$200.

10.2 Protective clothing

- 10.2.1 Employees shall be provided, free of charge per year, with the following items of protective clothing:

Rain coats and trousers	1 set only
Souwesters	1 only
Hats	2 only
Sunglasses	2 pairs only

- 10.2.2 Provided that any items provided by the employer shall at all times remain the property of the employer and shall be returned to the employer at the completion of service.

10.3 Uniforms

- 10.3.1 Should the employer require the employees to wear a uniform the uniform shall be supplied on the basis of 2/3rds of the cost to be paid by the employer and 1/3rd of the cost by the employee.

10.3.2 Provided that the amount to be paid by the employee has been agreed upon by the Union.

10.4 Health and safety

The parties recognise the need to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the vessels both for employees and passengers. The employer will enable crews to undertake the appropriate training, in order to make themselves familiar with all safety operations and procedures on the vessels in the event of an emergency.

10.5 Accident and sickness

Where employees are injured seriously or fall seriously ill at their work, the employer shall provide means of getting them to the nearest hospital.

10.6 First aid

Adequate first aid facilities shall be maintained by the employer in accordance with the requirements of the *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995*.

PART 11 - AWARD COMPLIANCE AND UNION RELATED MATTERS

Preamble

Clauses 11.1 and 11.2 replicate legislative provisions contained within the Act. In order to ensure the currency of existing legal requirements parties are advised to refer to sections 366, 372 and 373 of the Act as amended from time to time.

11.1 Right of entry

11.1.1 Authorised industrial officer

- (a) An "Authorised industrial officer" is any Union official holding a current authority issued by the Industrial Registrar.
- (b) Right of entry is limited to workplaces where the work performed falls within the registered coverage of the Union.

11.1.2 Entry procedure

- (a) The authorised industrial officer is entitled to enter the workplace during normal business hours as long as:
 - (i) the authorised industrial officer alerts the employer or other person in charge of the workplace to their presence; and
 - (ii) shows their authorisation upon request.
- (b) Clause 11.1.2(a)(i) does not apply if the authorised industrial officer establishes that the employer or other person in charge is absent.
- (c) A person must not obstruct or hinder any authorised industrial officer exercising their right of entry.
- (d) If the authorised industrial officer intentionally disregards a condition of clause 11.1.2 the authorised industrial officer may be treated as a trespasser.

11.1.3 Inspection of records

- (a) An authorised industrial officer is entitled to inspect the time and wages record required to be kept under section 366 of the Act.
- (b) An authorised industrial officer is entitled to inspect such time and wages records of any former or current employee except if the employee:
 - (i) is ineligible to become a member of the Union; or
 - (ii) is a party to a QWA or ancillary document, unless the employee has given written consent for the records to be inspected; or
 - (iii) has made a written request to the employer that they do not want their record inspected.
- (c) The authorised industrial officer may make a copy of the record, but cannot require any help from the employer.

- (d) A person must not coerce an employee or prospective employee into consenting, or refusing to consent, to the inspection of their records by an authorised industrial officer.

11.1.4 *Discussions with employees*

An authorised industrial officer is entitled to discuss with the employer, or a member or employee eligible to become a member of the Union:

- (a) matters under the Act during working or non-working time; and
- (b) any other matter with a member or employee eligible to become a member of the Union, during non-working time.

11.1.5 *Conduct*

An authorised industrial officer must not unreasonably interfere with the performance of work in exercising a right of entry.

11.2 Time and wages record

11.2.1 An employer must keep, at the place of work in Queensland, a time and wages record that contains the following particulars for each pay period for each employee, including apprentices and trainees:

- (a) the employee's award classification;
- (b) the employer's full name;
- (c) the name of the award under which the employee is working;
- (d) the number of hours worked by the employee during each day and week, the times at which the employee started and stopped work, and details of work breaks including meal breaks;
- (e) a weekly, daily or hourly wage rate - details of the wage rate for each week, day, or hour at which the employee is paid;
- (f) the gross and net wages paid to the employee;
- (g) details of any deductions made from the wages; and
- (h) contributions made by the employer to a superannuation fund.

11.2.2 The time and wages record must also contain:

- (a) the employee's full name and address;
- (b) the employee's date of birth;
- (c) details of sick leave credited or approved, and sick leave payments to the employee;
- (d) the date when the employee became an employee of the employer;
- (e) if appropriate, the date when the employee ceased employment with the employer; and
- (f) if a casual employee's entitlement to long service leave is worked out under section 47 of the Act - the total hours, other than overtime, worked by the employee since the start of the period to which the entitlement relates, worked out to and including 30 June in each year.

11.2.3 The employer must keep the record for 6 years.

11.2.4 Such records shall be open to inspection during the employer's business hours by an inspector of the Department of Industrial Relations, in accordance with section 371 of the Act or an authorised industrial officer in accordance with sections 372 and 373 of the Act.

11.3 Trade union training leave

11.3.1 Subject to the provisions of clause 11.3:

- (a) The employer shall grant paid leave of absence to workers who are nominated by their Union to attend short

courses conducted by the Union.

(b) Paid leave of absence shall also be granted to attend similar courses or seminars as from time to time approved by agreement between the parties.

11.3.2 An employee shall be granted up to a maximum of 5 days' paid leave per calendar year for trade union training or similar courses or seminars as approved. However, leave of absence in excess of 5 days and up to 10 days may be granted in any one calendar year provided that the total leave being granted in that year and in the subsequent year does not exceed 10 days.

11.3.3 Leave of absence will be granted at the ordinary rate of pay provided that shift workers attending a course shall be deemed to have worked the shifts they would have worked had leave not been taken to attend the course.

11.3.4 Where a public holiday or rostered day off falls during the duration of a course, a day off in lieu of that day will not be granted.

11.3.5 The granting of leave pursuant to the provisions of clause 11.3.1 is subject to the operation of the organisation not being unduly affected and to the convenience of the employer.

11.3.6 Trade Union training leave will be deemed time worked for calculating leave granted to employees under this Award.

11.4 Posting of Award

A true copy of this Award must be exhibited in a conspicuous and convenient place on the Premises of the employer so as to be easily read by employees.

11.5 Union encouragement

Preamble

Clause 11.5 gives effect to section 110 of the Act in its entirety. Consistent with section 110 a Full Bench of the Commission has issued a Statement of Policy on Union Encouragement (reported 165 QGIG 221) that encourages an employee to join and maintain financial membership of the Union.

11.5.1 Documentation to be provided by employer

At the point of engagement, the employer shall provide employees with a document indicating that a Statement of Policy on Union Encouragement has been issued by the Commission, a copy of which is to be kept on the premises of the employer in a place readily accessible by each employee.

The document provided by the employer shall also identify the existence of a union encouragement clause in this Award.

11.5.2 Union delegates

(a) Union delegates and job representatives have a role to play within a workplace. The existence of accredited Union delegates and/or job representatives is encouraged.

(b) The employer shall not unnecessarily hinder accredited Union delegates and/or job representatives in the reasonable and responsible performance of their duties.

Dated 27 June 2005.

By the Commission,
[L.S.] G.D. SAVILL,
Industrial Registrar.

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